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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA

REF: ABIDJAN 6443

1. NEITHER THIS EMBASSY, ROK EMBASSY IN DAKAR NOR CHIEF
OF ASIA DIVISION IN GOS FORIEGN MINISTRY HAS KNOWLEDGE
OF ANY HIGH RANKING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATIO WHICH HAS VISITED
SENEGAL SINCE MARDCH VISIT BY VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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HAN SAI (DAKAR 2099). POSSIBLITY EXISTS, HOWEVER THAT ANY SUCH DELEGATION MIGHT HAVE FLOWN TO WEST AFRICA FROM MOSCOW AND TRANSITTED DAKAR. AS REPORTED BY NIAMEY 3293, DPRK AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL HWANG TCHEUL SOU HAS BEEN TRAVELLING ELSEWHERE IN WEST AFRICA DURING JULY.

2. DPRK ACTIVITY IN DAKAR IN RECENT WEEKS INCLUDED PRESS CONFERENCE, FILM SHOWING AND RECEPTION COMMMEORATING "INTERNATIONAL MONTH OF SOLIDARITY WITH KOREAN PEOPLE" FROM JUNE 25- JULY 27. DPRK AMBASSADOR EXPLANINED AT PRESS CONFENCE THAT JUNE 25 MARKED DAY OF "LAUNCHING OF KOREAN WAR BY UNITED STATES." HE DENOUNCED US FOR INTRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, F-111S AND OTHER " MODERN AND STRATEGIC ARMS," AND VILIFIED ROK PRESIDENT PAK AS MURDEROUS TRATIOR WHO HAS PREPARED FOR HIS EMIGRATION BY DEPOSITINGMILLIPONSOFDOLLARS IN FOREIGN BANKS ANDBUILDINGLUXURIOUS \$5MILLION HOUSE IN MAIMI. REMARKS INCLUDED DEMAND THAT US WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM KOREA " IN ACCORD WITH RESOLUTION PASSED AT 30TH UNGA."

3. AMBASSADOR HWANG PUBLICLY CONVEYED DPRKS THANKS TO SENEGALESE FOR "UNFLAGGING AND ENERGETIC SUPPORT FOR THE JUST FIGHT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AT THE UN... IN SPIE OF ALL SORTS OF PRESSURES AND OBSTRUCTIONS BY THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS." DPRK ACTIVITIES RECEIVED MODEST COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO NEWS. EMBASSY HAS POUCHED TEXT OF AMBASSADORS REMAIRKS TO DEPARTMENT.

4. COMMENT: THIS PRESS CONFERNECE FOLLOWS SIMILAR SESSION HELD HERE BY NORTH KOREANS ON MARCH 6 (DAKAR 1396). AS REPORTED DAKAR 1506, FONMINISTRY SUBSEQUENTLY ASSURED US IT WAS NOT RPT NOT GOS POLICY TO PERMIT SUCH ATTACKS IN SENEGAL. GOS ACCORDINGLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE IN APRIL NOTING THAT SOME CHIEFS OF MISSION IN DAKAR HAD HELD PRESS CONFERENCES AND THAT (FOR REASONS OF "SECURITY"), GOS APPROVAL IN ADVANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED HENCEFORTH PRIOR TO HOLDING FUNCITION IN DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO WHICH SENEGALESE NATIONALS WERE INVITED. UNFORTUNATELY THIS OBSTACLE APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT TO DENY FORUM HERE TO NORTH KOREANS. ROK EMBASSY DID PROTEST RECETLY TO GOVERNEMENT OWNED "LE SOLEIL" NEWSPAPAER OVER QUOTING IN PRINT OF SUCH EPITHETS AS "PAK PUPPET CLIQUE," AND BELIEVES CONFIDENTIAL

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